

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. On January 4, 1995, the Chair enunciated a clear policy concerning the conduct of electronic votes. Under that policy the House was able to avoid the unnecessary loss of time in conducting its business by striving to close each electronic vote as soon as possible after the minimum time guaranteed by the rules. After consultation with the minority leader, the Chair has concluded that this policy bears reaffirmation.

As Members are aware, the rules of the House establish 15 minutes as the minimum time for electronic voting in the ordinary case and 5 minutes as the minimum time for electronic voting in other cases where Members are already in or near the Chamber in response to an earlier vote. With the cooperation of the Members, an electronic vote can be completed within the minimum time allotted under the rules.

Today the Chair asks all Members to join in mutual rededication to the policy of closing electronic votes as soon as possible after the minimum time guaranteed by the rule. Where the minimum time guaranteed by the rule is 15 minutes, occupants of the chair will endeavor to close votes after no more than 17 minutes. Where the minimum time guaranteed by the rules is 5 minutes, occupants of the chair will endeavor to close votes after no more than 6 minutes.

Members have appreciated and cooperated with the Chair's strict enforcement of this policy in the past. The Chair encourages all Members to depart for the Chamber promptly upon the appropriate bell and light signal. As in recent Congresses, the Cloakroom should not forward to the Chair requests to hold a vote by electronic device but should simply apprise inquiring Members of the time remaining on the voting clock. Members should not rely on signals related from outside the Chamber to assume that votes will be held open until they arrive in the Chamber.

Although no occupant of the chair will prevent a Member who is visible to the Chair before the announcement of the result from casting or changing his or her vote, each occupant of the chair will have the full support of the Speaker in striving to close each electronic vote at the earlier opportunity.

PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESS

Mr. NEUMANN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

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The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize 10 Members on each side for 1 minutes.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON CELEBRATES 95TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. NEUMANN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEUMANN. Mr. Speaker, the Harley-Davidson Company is gearing up for its 95th anniversary celebration, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my admiration for this outstanding Wisconsin company. Great Wisconsinites, like Green Bay Packer Coach Mike Holmgren, drive Harley bikes; I believe the coach has been seen around the State in a Heritage Softail.

Harley Davidson is a company that I have long admired for its commitment to quality, its dedication to treating both customers and employees like the valuable commodities they are. I believe for this reason that Harley Davidson inspires a loyalty that we see too rarely in American-made products in this day and age. The company has come a long ways from its humble beginnings in 1903, but it has never lost its vision of the American dream, and continues to excel in both domestic and international marketplaces.

Harley-Davidson is also a major contributor to the welfare of communities it is a part of. For example, Harley is a Wisconsin sponsor of the Tour de Cure an annual bike ride for American Diabetic Association. The company also contributes a portion of its corporate earnings each year for the Harley-Davidson Foundation which oversees charitable donation of groups like Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

For this reason, I want to be among those who are standing up saying, "Happy Birthday, Harley-Davidson, and keep up the good work."

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 3652, THE ETHERIDGE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ACT

(Mr. ETHERIDGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on this House to pass common sense legislation to help our States and communities build modern, safe school facilities for our children.

Across the country, students rejoice as another school year comes to an end. On Friday I had the opportunity to attend the high school graduation for my son David. It was one of my proudest moments as a father. But as a former superintendent of my State schools, I also know firsthand that too many of our children are forced to attend classes in trailers or closets and bathrooms and unsafe, overcrowded classrooms, and I call on this Congress to pass legislation before the start of the next school year to build new schools, relieve the overcrowding and reduce class sizes.

I have introduced legislation, H.R. 3652, that will create \$7.2 billion in

school construction bonds for States and localities that are suffering under the strain of overcrowded schools. Forty-eight Members of this House have already signed on from 15 different States, and I call on other colleagues to join me to address this urgent need. Many different organizations have joined, and I challenge others to join us.

Mr. Speaker, an investment in our schools is an investment in our children and an investment in our Nation's future.

THE CHILD PROTECTION AND SEXUAL PREDATOR PUNISHMENT ACT

(Ms. DUNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks and include therein extraneous material.)

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to send a strong message to those who would prey on innocent children over the Internet. Make no mistake, these sex crimes against children will not be tolerated.

This week the House will consider the Child Protection and Sexual Predator Punishment Act introduced by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MCCOLLUM) and myself. This legislation is for moms and dads throughout the country who are doing everything they can to keep their children safe and innocent but cannot control the pedophiles cruising the Internet.

In this age of ever expanding technology, pedophiles are increasingly using the anonymity of the Internet to pose as minors and befriend vulnerable children who are unknowingly lured into very dangerous situations.

That is why the McCollum-Dunn bill is so critical to families across America. This legislation helps law enforcement crack down on pedophiles who no longer offer candy to unsuspecting children on the playground but now offer companionship to children through the Internet chat room. This bill tells sexual predators that the Information Superhighway is not a detour for deviant behavior, it is a dead end.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

HOPE FOR DEMOCRACY IN CHINA COULD TURN TO DESPAIR IF THE PRESIDENT STANDS WITH COMMUNISTS IN TIANANMEN SQUARE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the President said if China wants a ceremony in Tiananmen Square, so be it; it is not my place to make demands on Communist China.

Unbelievable. When the leader of the free world stands with Communists on

the very same site where young Chinese students gave their lives struggling for democracy, something is wrong, very wrong, and the hope and inspiration for democracy that once existed in China may turn into disgust and despair.

Let us tell it like it is. If the President can stonewall Kenneth Starr, the President can stonewall the butchers of Tiananmen Square.

And one last word:

The Berlin Wall would still be standing if Ronald Reagan made no demands on Communists.

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TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO CHINA A RISK TO AMERICAN SECURITY

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, most Americans are familiar with the old saying, "Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me." Well, Americans are now starting to wonder just how many times the Communist Chinese have fooled this administration.

The Clinton administration has been selling U.S. secrets to China for the past few years. You name it, nuclear technology, missile secrets, computer technology, they have sold it. Now we have another foolish deal to add to the list.

In 1993, in exchange for a deal on commercial airliners, the Clinton administration pushed a sale to China of special computer-controlled machinery used to make parts for America's premier war planes. The Chinese gave us their word, they gave us their solemn promise, that these machines would not, repeat, would not, be used for military purposes.

Should anyone have been surprised when that sophisticated equipment showed up in a Communist Chinese factory that makes military cruise missiles, military cruise missiles that can be aimed at American soldiers and sailors?

Mr. Speaker, it is time the Clinton administration and their Commerce Department take off their blinders and see these technology transfers for what they are, risks to American national security that clearly endanger American lives.

HONORING SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Santa Maria, California, one of the most vital and remarkable communities of this great Nation. The strength of this di-

verse city is its people. The residents of Santa Maria are from all walks of life, and they work together often finding innovative ways to solve complex problems.

For example, the Santa Maria-Bonita School District's Healthy Start Program has long offered crucial services to local families in need, and it is not unusual for farmers, educators, entrepreneurs and elected officials to join together and stand up for their city, as they did last October when a delegation of leaders came to our Nation's capital for Santa Maria Day in Washington. Just last Saturday my grandson and I participated in the annual Elks rodeo and parade and saw firsthand the support this community gives to projects which benefit children and families.

Mr. Speaker, it is for these reasons that I wholeheartedly recommend Santa Maria for the prestigious All-American City Award.

Mr. Speaker, this is a city and a community to be honored.

EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON U.S. MISSILE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO CHINA

(Mr. BARR of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, India conducts nuclear tests; Pakistan then conducts nuclear tests; China we know transfers nuclear technology to Pakistan, to Iran, and possibly other nations. Now it turns out that the United States gave missile technology to China. That is right, Communist China, the same country that has transferred that technology to Pakistan, Iran and possibly other adversaries. Though, not to worry, we are told, the Communist Chinese have assured us they will not do it anymore.

It is time, Mr. Speaker, for Congress to examine how the President of the United States has become the Proliferator-in-Chief. It is time for the White House to explain how it is that transferring authority for technology waivers from the State Department to the Commerce Department is in our national interests.

Why will the White House not respond to the May 1997 Pentagon report that concluded, "National security has been harmed," as a result of the technology transfers arising from China's February 1996 rocket failure? The Proliferator-in-Chief should respond to these questions before the next nuclear tests take the world by surprise yet again.

PASS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LEGISLATION NOW

(Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly

urge the House to pass the Shays-Meehan campaign finance reform bill as quickly as possible. I also urge the House to reject all amendments and all substitutes to that bill.

Opposition to campaign finance reform has been the main reason that it has not passed thus far, but another reason has been the lack of consensus among the pro-campaign finance reform members. There have been too many reform proposals to settle on one, and the confusion has stopped reform. Well, thanks to the work of Mr. SHAYS and Mr. MEEHAN, we have a consensus bill. Let us unite behind that legislation and pass it as soon as possible.

I also urge this House to stop the sham on the campaign finance reform debate. The underlying bill currently has 11 substitutes and over 600 amendments filed. It is obvious that this is just a stalling tactic to stop reform.

Promises have been repeatedly made on the floor of this House to bring up campaign finance reform and have a vote on it as soon as possible. Once again, those promises are not being met. Campaign finance reform is being thwarted, and a stalling tactic is replacing real reform. Let us vote on Shays-Meehan as soon as possible.

PROTECT AMERICA FROM THREAT OF BALLISTIC MISSILE ATTACK

(Mr. ROGAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, recent nuclear tests abroad serve as a stark reminder to those who need reminding that the world is still a very dangerous place. Although some are tempted to think that free trade and diplomacy alone will remove the threat of war, all of history suggests this is both fantasy and a dangerous illusion. It was a dangerous illusion in 1914, it was a dangerous illusion in 1939, and it remains a dangerous illusion today.

It is crucial that America end this foolish policy of remaining vulnerable to a ballistic missile attack. Many Americans will be shocked to learn that it is the policy of the United States to have no national ballistic missile defense system in place.

It is time to protect Americans from the threat of a ballistic missile attack and recognize the reality that the world is a dangerous place. If we fail to do that, Mr. Speaker, we will fail in the most crucial obligation we have as a Congress and as the elected representatives of the American people—to secure their future.

TIME TO SCHEDULE VOTE ON SHAYS-MEEHAN CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM BILL

(Mr. MEEHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)